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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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ENCLOSED ARE:

- (X) Specification (13 pages), Claims (3 pages/10 claims) & Abstract;
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(X) Certified copy of GermanPat.Appl.No: 102 54 486.7 filed Nov. 22, 2002
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